

REMARKS

In the official action of September 8, 2004, the Examiner objected to Claims 5, 10 and allowed Claims 13 – 20. The remaining claims were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being unpatentable over Hall U.S. Patent 5,156,198 or obvious over Hall in view of Lundberg.

In a telephone interview with the Examiner on October 14, 2004, the Examiner acknowledged that the rejection of the claims over Kaish was overcome by Applicant and appeared on the Office Action by mistake.

While traversing the above rejections, Applicant, in order to obtain an early allowance of the application, has amended Claim 1 to include the recitations of Claim 5, putting it, along with its dependent claims 2, 3 and 6 in allowable condition. Similarly, the recitations of Claim 10 have been incorporated into Claim 7, putting it, along with its dependent Claim 8 in allowable condition.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that Claims 1 – 3, 6 – 8 and 13 – 20 are in allowable condition, that this application is now in condition for allowance, and an early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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